## REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)

| TRANSMITTAL Address to: Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450  |                                   |
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| Application No.         10/693,227           Filing Date         October 23, 2003           First Named Inventor         Jerome B. Bellegarda           Art Unit         2626           Examiner Name         Rider, Justin W.           Attorney Docket No.         4860 F3128  |                                   |
| This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.<br>Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 C.F.R. 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filled prior<br>to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See instruction sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) cap page 2.   |                                   |
| <ol> <li>Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 - Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).</li> </ol>                          |                                   |
| Previously submitted If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.  |                                   |
| Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on (Any unentered amendment) referred to above will be entered. It is final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.     Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on   |                                   |
| iii. [ ] Other   |                                   |
| b. [X] Enclosed i. [X] Amendment/Reply ii. [] Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) iii. [] Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) iv. [] Other  |                                   |
| Miscellaneous     a. [ ] Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of months./Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months. Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(f) required)     b. [ ] Other months.   |                                   |
| 3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filled. a. [X] The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. — 02-2656 i. [X] RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) ii. [] Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) iii. [] Processing fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(f) for Limited Suspension of Action iv. [] Other |                                   |
| Checks in the amount of \$enclosed     Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)     WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.  |                                   |
| SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED  |                                   |
| Name (Print/Type) Tatiana Rossin   | Registration No. (Attorney/Agent) |
| Signature/Tatiana Rossin/  | Date                              |
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| CERTFICATE OF TRANSMISSION  I hereby certify that this correspondence is being submitted electronically via EFS Web on the date shown below.  Signature/Adriena M. Garcia/   |                                   |